

BIOGRAPHIES

Force Chaplain

Marine Forces Pacific

CAPTAIN EUGENE T. GOMULKA **CHAPLAIN CORPS, UNITED STATES NAVY**

Captain Eugene T. Gomulka, Chaplain Corps, United States Navy, is the Force Chaplain, Marine Forces Pacific, Camp H. M. Smith, Hawaii. He is responsible for supervising over 150 chaplains from some 47 faith groups who are stationed or deployed with some 80,000 Marines between Marine Corps Air Station Yuma and the Horn of Africa (e.g., Kenya).

Chaplain Gomulka, a native of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, graduated from Saint Francis College in Loretto, PA with a B.A. in Philosophy and earned a Licentiate in Sacred Theology (S.T.L.) from the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas in Rome, Italy. Ordained in 1974 as a priest of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese, Father Gomulka served for five years as a parochial vicar at Our Lady of Victory Church in State College, PA, the home of the Pennsylvania State University. In addition to his parish duties, he taught graduate courses in Liturgy at Saint Francis Seminary in Loretto, PA, and also served as the Diocesan Respect Life Director.



Commissioned on 28 May 1979, Chaplain Gomulka completed the Basic Course at the Naval Chaplains School in Newport, RI and returned to State College as a Reserve Chaplain. In July 1980, he entered active duty service. His assignments have included: Second Marine Division (July 80 - July 82); United States Naval Academy (August 82 - June 84); United States Sixth Fleet (July 84 - July 86); Office of the Chief of Chaplains (August 86 - July 89); USS WISCONSIN (BB 64) (August 89 - May 91); Headquarters Marine Corps (June 91 - May 94); Naval Amphibious Base Coronado (May 94 - May 97); Naval Air Station Sigonella (June 97 - Mar 99); Marine Forces Pacific (Apr 99 – present).

While serving as Deputy Chaplain, U.S. Marine Corps, Chaplain Gomulka co-authored the core values of “Honor, Courage and Commitment” adopted by the Marine Corps and later embraced by the Navy. The Navy League of the United States presented him with the “Alfred Thayer Mahan Award for Literary Achievement” in 1999. That same year he was awarded the title of Prelate of Honor (Monsignor) to Pope John Paul II.

His personal decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), the

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Navy Commendation Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal and various other service and campaign medals and ribbons.

Chaplain Gomulka's interests include writing, skiing, cooking and foreign languages (Italian, Spanish, French, German and Polish).

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